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The reply filed on 10/20/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The response filed on 10/20/03 adds new claims 16-31. However, applicant has failed to state which of the newly added claims read on the elected invention of Group I which was elected by applicant for prosecution on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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